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BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

SOUTER—August 29th, at Breach Candy, the wife of Frank H. Souter, Esq., Commissioner of Police, of a son.

DEATH.

FEIVOUZ—August 30th, at Bombay, Mrs S. Feivouz, wife of Captain S. Feivouz, of the ship *Montana*.

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, on the following dates:—

Leave Bombay.....	1 & 15	Leave Calcutta	1 & 15
„ Carwar	2 16	„ Bimlipatam	4 18
„ Mangalore	3 17	„ Vizagapatam	4 18
„ Cannanore	4 18	„ Coconada	5 19
„ Calicut	5 18	„ Madras	10 24
„ Cochin	5 19	„ Negapatam	11 25
„ Tuticorin	20 —	„ Pondicherry	12 26
„ Colombo.....	21 —	„ Galle	12 —
„ Galle	7 —	„ Colombo	28 —
„ Negapatam....19	24	„ Tuticorin.....	29 —
„ Pondicherry ...11	23	„ Cochin.....	16 —
„ Madras.....	15 30	„ Calicut	16 1
„ Coconada.....17	2	„ Cannanore	17 2
„ Visagapatam....18	3	„ Mangalore	18 3
„ Bimlipatam....18	3	„ Carwar.....	19 4
Arrive Calcutta 29	5	„ Arrive Bombay ..	20 5

The Steam Ship "SATARA," 1,250 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander G. Betts, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st September, at noon.

The steamers leaving Calcutta and Bombay on the 15th of the month call at Tuticorin and Colombo, and the steamers of the 1st at Galle, as above interchanging passengers and cargo with the French Company's steamers.

This route is the most expeditious and economical for passengers for the Neilhgerrie district, Bangalore and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the Steamer at Madras.

Passengers for Rangoon, Akyab, or Moulmein can proceed by the steamers of the 15th, and transhipto the Rangoon Mail steamer, which leaves Madras on the 3rd.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

Up.	Sep.	Sep.	Down	Sep.	Oct.
Leave Bombay ...	7	& 21	Leave Bussorah	25	& 9
„ Kurrachee ...11		25	„ Fao 25		9
„ Gwadur 12		26	„ Bushire 27		11
„ Muscat 15		29	„ Linga 29		13
	Oct.				Oct.
„ B. Abbas 17		1	„ B. Abbas 1		3
„ Linga 18		2	„ Muscat 3		17
„ Bushire 21		5	„ Gwadur 5		19
„ Fao 22		6	„ Kurrachee..... 7		21
Arrive Bussorah..23		7	Arrive Bombay ... 19		24

The Steam-ship "PENANG," 890 tons, 150 H.P., Commander T. Sanders, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 7th September, at noon.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY at noon.

The Steam-ship "COMORIN," 560 tons, 140 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 2nd September, at noon.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM TO CEYLON, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. "COLUMBIAN," (2,180 tons, 500 H. P.) Captain R. Curling, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th September, leaving Mazagon at Noon on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of Opium, the Officer's Receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before 11 A.M. on WEDNESDAY the 2nd instant.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 27th August, 1868.

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Calling at intermediate Ports if inducement offer.

THE well-known S. S. "MULA," 500 tons, Captain Cairs, will be despatched to the above Ports, on THURSDAY, 3rd Proximo.

For Freight and Passage apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co, Agents.

Bombay, 29th August 1868.

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(With quick despatch)

THE Ship "STAG," 523 tons Register, Captain Ellis. For Freight apply to W. NICOL & Co.

Bombay, 19th August 1868.

FOR LONDON.

THE A1 composite built Clipper Ship "DILAWUR," 1,306 tons Register, James H. Baillie, Commander. This Vessel has excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers. For further particulars apply to W. NICOL & Co.

Bombay, 30th July 1868.

FOR LONDON DIRECT, with quick despatch, Ship "LOUISA," 939 tons, Captain Scowcroft. For Freight or Passage apply to SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co., Agents Ship "Louisa."

Bombay, 24th July, 1868.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship "J. P. WHITNEY," arrived from Calcutta, are requested to despatch Boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

B. F. FIELD, Jr.,
Agent Ship "J. P. Whitney."

Bombay, 31st August 1868.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per ship "MACEDON," arrived from London, are requested to despatch Boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Ship "Macedon."

Bombay, 24th August 1868.

NOTICE TO SHIP COMMANDERS AND OTHERS.—FOR SALE, ex Ship "Star of the North," just arrived from Sydney,—Kangaroo Brand—20 Tierces, containing 304 lbs. each, PRIME MESS BEEF, in excellent order. Apply to

Bombay, 14th August 1868. W. NICOL & Co.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship "PENDRAGON," arrived from Liverpool, are requested to despatch Boats at once to take delibery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Ship "Pendragon."

Bombay, 20th August 1868.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Goods per "PREMIER," White, Master, from Liverpool, are requested to send off Boats for their Cargo without delay, otherwise the Goods will be landed by the Captain as they come to hand at the expense and risk of the concerned.

Captain White will not be responsible for the condition of any Package after it leaves the Ship's deck.

RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.,
Agents for Captain White.

Bombay, 26th August 1868.

THE BULKLEY HOTEL,
Ramle in the environs of Alexandria,
An English Hotel in
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One of the best Hotels, well adapted for Invalids seeking to recruit their health. It is considered the sanitarium of a warm climate.

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To Suez—1st class £45. 2nd class £25. } exclusive
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The S. S. "GUNGA," 1,300 Tons, Captain Bonellow, will be despatched on the 20th September next.

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Bombay, 27th June, 1868.

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WANTED, a LADY COMPANION, to go to England with a Lady free of Charge *via* Cape. Apply to NANABHOY and SORABJEE.

Bombay, 27th August 1868.

HOUSES, &c., TO LET.

TO LET, a BUNGALOW, No. 147 Malabar Hill, recently vacated by C. J. MAYHEW, Esq., Barrister. Apply to REMINGTON & Co., Agents, Land Mortgage Bank of India (Limited). Bombay, 20th June 1868.

TO BE LET, two OFFICES with GROUND FLOORS in Apollo Street, opposite the Secretariate. The ground floors are well adapted for Shop Rooms, Offices, or Godowns.

For further information apply to Messrs. THOMSON & Co., Chemists, Apollo Street.

TO LET, on Malabar Hill, the property of the Bombay Reclamation Company, Limited, (in Liquidation):—

House No. 1, lately occupied by J. P. Green, Esquire, Barrister. Rent Rs. 350 per month.

House No. 7, lately occupied by Mr. F. Chambers. Rent Rs. 80 per month.

Also that large and commodious House and premises in the compound adjoining the House at present occupied by W. Gilbert, Esquire. Rent Rs. 400 per month.

JAMES G. SMITH, } Liquidators.
JAMES RANKEN, }

Elphinstone Circle, 4th June, 1868.

NOTICES

NOTICE.—The MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to CAPTAIN YOUNG'S TESTIMONIAL is POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY next, the 2nd September 1868, at 4-30 P. M., at the Offices of Messrs. W. NICOL & Co.

HAMILTON MAXWELL, } Joint Honorary
GEORGE T. ROBINSON, } Secretaries.

Bombay, 26th August 1868.

NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS are hereby invited for the FARMING of the Municipal Special Duty on TOBACCO and SNUFF in the Town and Island of Bombay for one, three, or five years, from the 1st October next.

Tenders will be received up to 1st September 1868, at the Bombay Custom House. Tenders should be addressed to LESTOCK REID, Esquire, the Acting Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium.

Particulars will be obtained on application at the Commissioner's Office, in the Custom House.

L. REID,
Acting Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Opium.

Bombay Custom House, 7th August 1868.

THE ORIENTAL INSURANCE SOCIETY (IN LIQUIDATION).—NOTICE is hereby given that a GENERAL MEETING of the REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS of the above Society will be held at the Office of the Society, No 24, Victoria Buildings, Parsee Bazaar Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of September next, at 3 P.M., for the transaction of the following business:—

1st.—To receive the Accounts and Report of the Liquidators for the year ending 12th March 1868.

2nd.—To pass a Resolution that the Liquidators have all the powers which are specified in Section 174 of Act X. of 1865, conferred upon them.

3rd.—To do any other business that may be submitted.

BHIMJEE PURSHOTUM, }
COOVERJEE RUSTOMJEE MODY, } Liquidators.
CURSETJEE HORMUSJEE CHINOY, }

Bombay, 19th August 1868.

BANK OF INDIA (IN LIQUIDATION).—NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND at the rate of 2½ per cent (TWO AND A HALF PER CENT) on the amount of the paid Capital (viz. Rs. 6½ (Rupees six and a quarter) per share on the old, and Rs. 3½ (Rupees three and three quarters) per share on the new issue), will be paid on MONDAY the 31st instant, and on THURSDAY the 3rd proximo, between the hours of 11 and 3, and on every following MONDAYS and THURSDAYS during the same hours, to those Shareholders who have exchanged the Original Certificates and Receipts for "Liquidators' Certificates."

Shareholders or their duly constituted Attorneys must attend in person and produce these Certificates on application for Dividend.

The Transfer Books are now open, and will remain so until the 25th instant, when they will be closed until further notice.

JOHN A. J. SHAW, }
BERAMJI NAOROSJI, } Liquidators.

Bombay, 17th August 1868.

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Full information on application to Henry Aldrich, Esq., the Secretary.

Prospectuses can be obtained of Messrs. SMITH, ELDER & Co., Agents, in either of the Presidencies, or of Messrs. GRINDLAY & Co., London.

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COLABA PRESS COMPANY (LIMITED).—NOTICE is hereby given that a further DIVIDEND, at the rate of Rs. 350 per Share, for the year ending 30th June 1868, will be payable to the Registered Shareholders in the Company, on production of Share Certificates, at the Office of the undersigned, on and after MONDAY the 7th proximo, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

By order of the Directors,
For the London, Asiatic, and American Company (Ld.),
CHARLES E. BENN, Joint Manager,
Secretaries.

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Houses, Horses, Tombs, &c., taken to order.

VICTORIA SPINNING COMPANY, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).—NOTICE.—The undersigned will receive, until FRIDAY the 11th September next, PRIVATE OFFERS for the PURCHASE of the LEASE OF CERTAIN GROUND (situate at Gaumdevi) measuring 1,500 square yards or thereabout, together with the Mill Buildings standing thereon, and a pair of Engines, Boilers, Machinery, and Stores, the property of the Victoria Spinning Company, Limited, now under liquidation. For full particulars apply at the Company's Office, No. 4, Apollo Street.

BYRAMJEE CURSETJEE, }
ગાયમજી ક્વરસેટજી, } Liquidators.
i.e. LALBHOY VULLUBBHOY, }

Bombay, 27th August, 1868.

PORT CANNING LAND INVESTMENT RECLAMATION, AND DOCK COMPANY (LIMITED).—It is hereby notified, by order of the Calcutta Board of Directors that the registration of transfer of SHARES in the Company, standing in the names of F. SCHILLER G. M. STRATHERS, H. REINHOLD, E. VANCUTSEM, J. M. HALL and J. BORRADAILE will be stopped until the first Call or Rupees one thousand per share be paid upon five hundred shares numbered 2796 to 3295.

RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 3rd January, 1868.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

GENTLEMEN proceeding Home should procure their requirements at BADHAM'S, the Goods will be found suited to the climate and of the most modern style.

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½	Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1	Scarf Ring.
2	„ Linen Collars.	1	Walking Stick.
¼	„ Under-Vests.	1	Umbrella.
1	„ Fine White Cotton Socks.	1	Binocular Glass.
		1	Rug with Strap.
1	„ Fine Colored do.	1	Dressing Bag.
1	„ White Cambric Handkerchiefs.	1	Hand Portmanteau
		2	Overland Trunks.
1	„ Colored do. do.	1	Clothes Bag.
1	(one) Overland Suit.	1	Opera Hat.
2	(two) Sleeping Suits.	1	Travelling Hat.
2	(two) Pairs Kid Gloves.	1	Courier Bag.
6	(six) Scarfs and Ties.	1	Easy Chair.

Apollo House. BADHAM & Co.

CORRESPONDING FIRM:
BADHAM BROTHERS.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of Act X. of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India and in the matter of the ROYAL BANK OF INDIA.

UPON reading the Affidavit of SADANUND BALCRISTNA solemnly affirmed on the twenty-fifth day of July instant, and on hearing on behalf of the Liquidators of the abovenamed Bank, I do order that all CREDITORS of the abovenamed Bank do on or before the first day of December next, send in their names and address and the particulars of their Debts, Claims or Demands to the said SADANUND BALCRISTNA, the Manager for the Liquidators of the said Bank, at the Office of the Bank in Meadow Street, Bombay, in the East Indies, or in default thereof, they will be finally excluded. And I do further direct that this order be advertized in the "Bombay Government Gazette," the "Bombay Gazette," the "Times of India," the "Jami-Jamshed," and "Bombay Summachar," and also in each of the places where the Bank had agencies before it was placed in liquidation.—Dated Bombay, this 26th day of July, 1868.

JOSEPH ARNOULD.

JOHN S. HURRELL,
Solicitor for the Liquidators, Royal Bank of India.

RE SAMUEL CORP, deceased.—Pursuant to Act XVIII. of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India, entitled "The Trustees' and Morigagees' Powers Act 1866," NOTICE is hereby given that all persons being Creditors of, or otherwise having claims upon, or against the Estate of SAMUEL CORP, late of Denton Court, new Gravesend, in the County of Kent, and of Number 13 Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire, deceased, who died at Phillimore Gardens aforesaid on the Sixth day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-eight, and Letters of Administration of whose personal Estate and Effects (with the exemplification of the Probate of the last Will and Testament and Codicil of the said deceased issued out of Her Majesty's Court of Probate in England annexed) were on the Twenty-sixth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-eight, granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to ANDREW JOHN MACDONALD, of Bombay, British Merchant, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Sir Charles Forbes & Co., and one of the constituted Attorneys of MARY CORP, Widow and Executrix of the said last Will and Testament of the said Samuel Corp, deceased, are required on or before the 28th day of September 1868 to send to Messrs. RITCHIE, HOPE, and LANGLEY, of Bombay, Solicitors for the said Administrator, the particulars of their Claim upon or against the said E-tate, and that at the expiration of such time the Administrator will hand over the whole of the Assets of the said deceased to the said MARY CORP as such Executrix, having regard to the claims of which he shall then have notice. All persons indebted to the said Estate, or having property of the deceased in their hands, are hereby required to pay or account for such debts or property to the said Administrator.—Dated this day of August 1868.

RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.,
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NOTICES.

CONTINUED INCREASE OF BUSINESS.

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D. McL. SLATER,
Secretary for Western India.

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April, 1868.

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KOUSAINE MIXTURE.—Ditto—Both at Rs. 2-8 per pound.—Cash.

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Subscribed Capital.	Nomi Value of sh.	Paid up	Dividend.	Names.	Rates
	Rs.	Rs	per sh.		
1,000,000	100	.....	.....	Agra Bank ...	126 per share.
3,140,000	1,000	1,000	7	Bank of Bengal ...	17801 per sh.
1,045,000	500	400	.....	Bank of Bombay...	98 per share
1,000,000	500	500	.....	Ditto Ditto New...	113 pct prem.
1,000,000	250	150	.....	Bombay Pres. Bank	101 pct. share
2,000,000	200	200	.....	Bombay Trading & Banking Association	58 per share
2,000,000	100	100	.....	Brokers Banking Company ...	63 per share
1,000,000	250	250	nil	Central Bank ...	8 per share
800,000	200	200	5	Chartered Bank of India A. & China.	200 per share
800,000	200	25	13½	China Bank ...	3½ per share
700,000	250	250	.....	Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London & China..	270 p ct prem
1,000,000	250	250	12	Comptoir d'Escompte d'Paris ...	Nominal.
1,000,000	200	500	9	Delhi and London...	No quot.
600,000	500	200	.....	Indian Peninsular London & China Bk.	21 per share
3,750,000	.....	1,000	11 pc	Madras Bank ...	165½ p. s.
1,000,000	250	125	8 p. ct	National Bank of India ...	135
500,000	250	250	12	Oriental Bank ...	135 per share
.....	100	200	.....	Royal Bank of India	76 per share
100,000	200	250	.....	Guzerat Bank ...	85 nominal.

LAND COMPANIES.

1,000,000	10,000	5,000	.....	Back Bay Reclamation Co.	400 per share
1,000,000	1,000	1,000	30 p s	Elphinstone Land Co..	770 p. s.
1,000,000	1,000	400	.....	New Do..	218 p. share
2,000,000	10,000	4,100	.....	Presn Land Co. ...	85 per share
100,000	5,000	4,100	.....	Mazagon Land and Reclamation Co..	630 per share
.....	2,000	1,500	25 p s	Fort Canning ...	320
2,180,000	3,000	3,000	.....	Colaba Land Co ...	1,025

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500,000	5,000	3,500	.....	Bombay Ship Co ...	1,350 pr share
280,000	2,500	2,500	.....	B. Coast and River Steam Nav. Co ...	360 per share
300,000	5,000	3,000	20	Bombay and Bengal Steam-ship Co	2,450 per share
160,000	5,000	2,000	.....	Prince of W. Ship Co	1,600 per share
140,000	500	500	.....	Viegas Patent Slip & Foundry Co ...	85 per share
120,000	5,000	3,000	250	Union Shipping Co. Limited ...	100 per share

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.....	400	300	15	Bengal Credit Mob.	2 per share
1,200,000	400	120	.....	Financial Assn. of India and China	5½ per share

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London Banks... ...	6 months' sight.	1s. 11d. to 1s. 11¾d.
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Calcutta	At sight.	99¼
Do.	30 days' sight..	99¾
Do.	60 Do. do. ...	99¾
China	60 days' sight...	218

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Government Securities ...	...	6 per cent.
Mercantile Bills..	...	9 do.
Four per cent. Co.'s	1835-36	94-14
,,	,, ,, 1842-43	
,,	,, ,, 1854-55	
Five per cent Co.'s Fs. Loan	1856-57	109½
Five per cent. Public Works Loan	1854-54.. ...	106
Five and half per cent.	... ...	114-14

DAILY COTTON MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY, 31st AUGUST.

		Per Candy.
Comrawuttee } Akote.. }	New	2-2 to 225
Broach...	...	230 to 231
Dholleras..	...	238 to 240
Bhownuggur	...	240
Veeravul..	...	215 to 225
Vingorla..	...	225 to 230
Dharwar Sawginned	...	235 to 240
Khandeish.	...	215 to 218
Barsee ...	...	

Ready sales on 31st Aug.....475 Candies.
Market strong.

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY, LIMITED.

STATEMENT of the affairs of the Bank on 20th Aug. 1868.

LIABILITIES.

Proprietors' Capital paid up.....	Rs. 49,99,000
General Treasury Balance.....	,, 12,66,992
Deposits at Head Office.....	,, 2,01,07,997
Deposits at Branches	,, 11,41,119
Bank Post Bills outstanding.....	,, 24,735
Reserve	,, 3,616
	Rs. 2,75,42,469

ASSETS.

Loans at Head Office and Branches on Govt.	
Securities, Bullion, Goods and Metals..... Rs.	4,07,693
Credit Accounts at do. on Govt. Securities ,,	1,32,584
Bills Discounted and purchased at do..... ,,	11,56,929
Head Stock ..... ,,	4,65,587
Stamps ..... ,,	5,328
Balances with Agents & Correspondents... ,,	20,23,279
Government Securities ..... ,,	28,53,802
Over drafts ..... ,,	897
Cash & Currency Notes at Head Office ..... ,,	190,15,835
Do. do. at Branches ..... ,,	14,75,544
	Rs. 2,75,42,469

CALCUTTA—AUGUST 25.

Government Papers sold at the following rates: 4 per cents., a small sum, at Rs. 4-8 and some large amounts at Rs 4-5 discounts; small pieces of 5 per cents. of 1856-57 at Rs. 10-0 premium and 5½ per cents. at Rs. 13-4 premium.

Bank of Bengal shares were not procurable at Rs. 1,746; only a few could be had at Rs. 1,750 each.

Purchases of National Bank shares were made at Rs. 134 and 134½.

Agra Bank 8 shares sold at Rs. 105.

Punjaub Bank shares were bought, for an order, at Rs. 90 each.

A transaction in Great Eastern Hotel Co.'s shares was reported at Rs. 112.

India General Steam Navigation Co.'s shares were bought by an investor, at Rs. 4-0 per Rs. 1,000 shares.

The property of the Isherah Yarn Mills Co. Limited in liquidation was sold by auction by Messrs. Mackenzie Lyall and Co., for Rs. 1,70,000.

Another time-bargain contract of Landing and Shipping Co.'s shares took place at Rs. 50 for delivery in two months; there are buyers at Rs. 48 for cash.

Some Oriental Gas Co.'s £5 shares were purchased for an order, at Rs. 62 each exclusive of dividend.

Several small lots of Port Canning Land Investment, &c., Co.'s shares were bought for different parties at Rs. 315 per share of Rs. 1,000 paid up.

Tirhoot Indigo Co.'s shares changed hands at Rs. 115 for cash. No time-bargain announced to-day.

A transaction in Kunchanpore Tea Co.'s fully paid up shares was reported at Rs. 160.

The following Tea Co.'s shares sold to-day, at Messrs. Mackenzie Lyall and Co.'s Auction:—

Bishnauth, fully paid up	at Rs. 97 each.	
Ditto contributory,	at Rs. 13 each.	
Mutiuck,	Rs. 125 paid up at Rs. 19 each.	

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—AUGUST 31.

Bradford, Major, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Kamptee.
Lockhart, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Kamptee.
Berne, Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Poona.
Yates, Captain, 1st Regiment Madras Native Infantry, on leave, from Poona.
Daniell, Lieutenant, 105th Regiment, to join, from Poona.
Baird, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on leave, from Kirkee.
Bard, Major, 104th Regiment Native Infantry, on leave, from Malligaum.
Durand, Captain, 10th Regiment Native Infantry, on leave, from Malligaum.

DEPARTURES.—AUGUST 31.

Lockhard, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Madras.
Bradford, Major, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Madras.
Daniell, Lieutenant, 1st Bombay Regiment, on duty, to Bangalore.
Stamfild, Major, Madras Staff Corps, on duty, to Poona.
Wilkinson, Major, 82nd Regiment, on medical certificate.
Berne, Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Department, on duty.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT.—31ST AUGUST.

London....	Cotton....	£1	0s. 0d.	Nominal per ton.
	Seeds	£1	0s. 0d	do. do.
Liverpool..	Cotton....	£1	5s. 0d.	to £1 7s. 6d. do.
	Seeds ...	£0	15s. 0d.	to £1 0s. 0d.
Overland..	Cotton....	£4	10s. 0d.	per 40 cubic foot
China	Cotton.....	Rs.	2 to 3	per bale.
Mauritius.	Gram	Rs.	0 12 0	per bag.

ARRIVALS.

Date.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
Aug. 30	Malacca (s).....	Macnemara..	Hongkong, Aug. 7.
31	Gerant	Birall.....	Boston, May 1.

DEPARTURES.

Date.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
Aug. 31	Spray of the Ocean	Slaughter....	Liverpool.
	Futtay Moobarack	Nacoda	Moulmein.
	Arundel	Seymour	Singapore.
	Comorin (s).....	Turner	Kurrachee.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
Steamer *California*, Watson, to Calcutta.
Ship *Melacerby*, Hughes, to Callao.
Ship *L. B. Gilchrist*, Watts, to Callao.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Ship *T. E. Lewes*, to Calcutta.
Ship *British Lion*, to Liverpool.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.—The Telegraph of 25th August announced the arrival of the steamer "Mahratta," ships "City of Sydney," "Peter Stewart," "Childwall Abbey," "Massmimf," "City of Tanjore," "Bomitone," "Salsette," "Stonehouse," and "Ganges."

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.—August 25th, "Hotspur," J. Corrigall, Shields.

WEATHER REPORTS.

KOLAPORE, 31ST, 12 NOON.—Weather rainy, wind south-west, thermometer 73.

VINGORLA, 31ST, 10 A.M.—Weather cloudy, wind north-east, thermometer 78 rainfall 52 cents.

COCANDA, 31ST, 9 A.M.—Weather fine, wind north-westerly, thermometer 79, barometer 29·96, rainfall 38 cents.

CARWAR, 31ST, 9-40 A.M.—Weather cloudy, wind light south-west, thermometer 79, barometer 29·96, rainfall 52 cents.

CANNANORE, 31ST, 9-30 A.M.—Weather fine, wind south-west thermometer 76, barometer 29·93, rainfall 1 inch 40 cents.

MANGALORE, 31ST, 10-34 A.M.—Weather cloudy, thermometer 82·9, barometer 29·93, rainfall 150·00 cents.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

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Policies may be opened for longer periods than a year (as 13, 14, 15 months, &c.,) at rates proportionate to those for annual Policies.

PEEL, CASSELS & Co., Agents.

MAZAGON LAND AND RECLAMATION COMPANY (LIMITED).—NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Registered Office of the Company, in Elphinstone Circle, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of September next, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of electing Auditors for the year ending 30th June 1868, in terms of the Articles of Association.

By order of the Directors,
RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers,
Mazagon Land and Reclamation Company, (Ld.)
Bombay, Elphinstone Circle, 29th August 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that GHELLA ALLI KHOJA has contracted to re-mortgage to BURJORJEE BHIMJEE all that piece or parcel of GROUND, together with two several dwelling-houses and premises standing thereon, situate at Mazagon, outside the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 307 3/9 square yards, be the same little more or less, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 98 and 99, and the Collector of Bombay under Nos. 129, 153, 156 respectively, and bounded on the east by Coppersmith Street, on the west by the property of Ardasir Cursetjee Wadia, on the north partly by the property of Mahadoo Goolam and partly by the property of Babajee Mahdoo Moorker, and on the south by the Dockyard Road. All persons are hereby warned not to advance any sum upon the said houses or mortgage the same, and shall do so at their own risk and peril.—Dated this 29th day of August 1868.

MACFARLANE AND GREEN,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

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OUR HOT TIFFINS

COMMENCE FROM

TO-DAY, 1st SEPTEMBER,

HALF PAST ONE P.M.

ALSO FROM TO-DAY,

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Through Burmah to Western China, &c., &c. By Dr. C. Williams, late 68th L. I..... ..... Rs.	4	8	
An Elementary Treatise on Electrical Measurement. By L. Clark...	4	8	
The Indian Army and Civil Service List for July.. each.	4	8	
£200 Reward; and other tales.....	0	12	
The Clives of Burcot. By Hesba Stretton.....	1	8	
Dickens's Great Expectations. Author's new edn..	2	4	
Carpenter's the Microscope and its Revelations. 4th edn. 1868. Profusely illustrated...	9	8	
Miss Braddon's Eleanor's Victory. Parlour edn..	2	12	
——— Only a Clod. ... Ditto.....	2	12	
Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. Illustrated.....	3	12	
Barnum's the Humbugs of the World.....	3	8	
Pennell's Family Fairy Tales; or Glimpses of Elfland at Heatherstone Hall.....	3	8	
Cruickshank's Fairy Tales—Hop o' my Thumb; Jack and the Bean Stalk; Cinderella; and Puss in Boots.....	3	12	

LADIES' FASHION BOOKS FOR AUGUST.

London and Paris Magazine of Fashion..	1	0	
Le Follet, Journal du Grand Monde.....	1	4	
The World of Fashion.....	1	0	

NEW FRENCH BOOKS.

Le Drame de la Rue du Sentier. Par La Comtesse Dash.....	2	4	
Anne Severin. Par Mdme. Augustus Craven.....	3	0	

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Hanover Square and Exeter Hall, for Aug.—Each...	0	12	
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Bombay, 1st September 1868.

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BY
PROFESSOR AND MADAME RUCHWALDY,

SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

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MAGIC,

By means of Magnetism, Galvanism, and Electricity, with the celebrated and wonderful tricks of Professor Anderson.

II.
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on Violin, Claron, Violin and Pianoforte,
by
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and Piano .... } Ruchwaldy.
III.—Il Bacio, Song... .....Madame Ruchwaldy.
IV.—Air Varie de Beriot, Violin and Piano..... ..... } Professor and Madame Ruchwaldy.

III.
GRAND POWER OF MAGIC,
or
the great concurrence of the Magnetique Rope-dancer and Drum of Abyssinia.

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Boxes..... Rs. 5 | Gallery..... ... . Rs. 2
Stalls..... ,, 3 | Pit..... .... ,, 1

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Doors open at a quarter past Eight O'clock. Performance to commence at Nine O'clock precisely.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HORSES.—On WEDNESDAY, the 2nd September, at 3 o'clock P.M., MR. ALLI ABDOOLLA will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION at the Byculla Commission Stable, a few young and serviceable AUSTRALIAN HORSES.

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TERMS—CASH.

NOTICE.—The ANNUAL SALES of the ABKAREE and FERRY FARMS, and of the RIGHT of REMOVING SAND from the foreshore, and also a HALF-YEARLY SALE of TOLL FARMS in the Colaba Sub-Collectorate will be held at Alibagh on the 14th September 1868 and the following days.

W. M SALMON,
Acting Sub-Collector.
Colaba, Sub-Collector's Office, Alibagh, 28th Aug. 1868.

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OVERLAND MAILS.

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CHINA MAILS.—The Post Office Packets for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong, per P. and O. Company's steamer will be closed on FRIDAY, the 4th Sept., at 9 A.M. A packet for late letters will be kept open, on payment of the usual fee, until 10 A.M.

Registered letters will be received until 6 P.M. of the previous day.

CHINA MAILS.

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IN consequence of the alterations in the departure of the Mail Trains on the lines of the G. I. P. & B. B. & C. I. Railways, the following changes will take place on and after the 8th and 15th June 1868, in the hours of closing of Mails at the General Post Office.

	Ordinary Letters and Papers.	After Letters.	Pack- et	At Branch Post Offices.
For Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, for Khandeish, Malwa, Berar, Central Provinces, Punjab, N. W. Provinces and Bengal	11 A. M.	12 Noon.	10 A. M	
Do. on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, for Poona, the Deccan, S. M. Country and Madras Presidency....	12 Noon.	1 P. M.	11 A. M.	
Do. on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Poona, also for Ahmednuggur and Seroor	8 A. M.	.....		5 P. M. of previous day.
Do. on the B. B. & C. I. Railway, for Guzerat, Kurrachee Scind, Kattiawar and Kutch	6-30 A. M.	7½ A. M.		5 P. M. of previous day.
Do. in Southern Concern, *i. e.* for Penn, Nagotna, Mhar, Khed, Dapoolee, and Ratnagherry-	6 A. M.	.....		5 P. M. of previous day.

Registered Letters and Bhanghy Parcels for despatch by all Mails will be received, except on Sundays, from 7 to 8 A.M., and from 12 noon to 5 P.M.

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THE object of fortification seems to be misunderstood in India. The use of fortification is to enable a small body of men to resist the attack of a more numerous body. This principle, simple though it be, has been in all ages continually violated, and the abuse of the undoubted advantages of the engineer's art has frequently led to serious disasters. Experience, and especially recent experience, has taught us that no number of fortresses can check the advance of a determined enemy, that they are either avoided or masked, and that consequently to devote a large portion of the army to forming the garrisons of such places is to wilfully deprive yourself of a considerable amount of your strength and by paralysing the action of part of your troops to play deliberately into the hands of the enemy. Fortifications are all very well when you have a large mass of volunteers or armed citizens, who become of value when behind parapets, but are comparatively useless from want of discipline in the open field. To shut up, however, in fortified places any considerable portion of troops which could be made use of in a campaign is simply a needless weakening the active army. We fear that there is a tendency in this country to indulge in this vicious practice. It may be advisable to hold strongly such places as Fort William at Calcutta, the Fort at Bombay, Fort St. George at Madras, the Forts at Allahabad, Agra, Lahore and Mooltan, in order to protect the treasury, Government records, magazines, arsenals, and military stores, which it is necessary to keep up at those towns. At almost all other stations a comparatively small fortified enclosure with bomb-proof keep or redoubt sufficiently large to contain the district records, the station magazine and stores, the local treasury, and the families of Europeans, and not larger than could be defended by the volunteers, the civil servants, and a weak detachment of British troops, which might consist principally of the sick and weakly men of each corps would answer the legitimate purpose of fortifications. As we remarked in a former article we would have some sort of place of refuge in every station where there were any Europeans, but in the smaller stations a stone block house covered and faced with earth to avoid the danger of splinters and capable of being defended by from six to thirty resolute men armed with breech-loaders would suffice. To place the country in a state of defence, would therefore cost but little. Forts already exist in the larger towns, and in most stations there is some strong building already in existence, which might with very little additional outlay be rendered capable of resisting any force likely to be brought against it. Moreover, these buildings might in time of peace be utilized as treasuries, magazines, or record houses. There are two considerations which ought to be borne in mind. The first is that the strength of all fortified places need not be as great as that of those in Europe. The reason for this is that from the want of military skill on the part of the probable assailants the nature of the ordnance likely to be brought against them, the sieges would be neither vigorous nor prolonged. Further, if we were to assume that any siege would, as a rule, last longer than a few weeks, we may also assume that our rule in India would come to an end. The second consideration is that the extent of each post or fort should be as small as possible, in order that troops should not, for the purpose of forming garrisons, be diverted from their legitimate work, service in the field. Except in the principal forts a very slight garrison of regular troops would suffice, the bulk of the defenders being volunteers and other civilians. In the smallest stations the garrisons would consist entirely of civilians. Let us now see how far this is accepted as correct by the Government. The whole country is studded with forts already, though much undermanned, absorbing a large proportion of our regular troops, and yet if properly garrisoned requiring enormous reinforcements. Take, as one instance, the fortress of Gwalior, which could not properly be held even against a native enemy with less than two or three thousand men. At present the garrison consists of some two hundred and twenty British soldiers, and is, when the barracks in progress are completed, to be raised to a wing of the British Infantry and a battery of garrison Artillery. The present garrison is, it is evident—considering that the fort is about 1¾ miles long—utterly insufficient even to perform sentry duty properly. It could not resist a *coup de main*, and the contemplated addition to the force will only be able to watch against surprise and will be incapable of withstanding it. The fortress is intended to serve as a place of refuge for the Europeans at Morar, from which place it is distant some four miles. In the first place, however, their flight could easily be intercepted from either the old or the new town, through the latter of which it indeed passes; and in the second place, if the fugitives did succeed in reaching the fortress they would be only rendering the chance of capture more easy, for the occupation of that stronghold depends, in the absence of a British force at Morar, merely on the forbearance of the Mahrattas. Here we have a striking example of the folly of our Government, which persists in occupying a fort with a garrison unequal to its defence, and which would be far more useful in the open field and with intentions which could never, in case of a serious rising, be carried out. The same disproportion between the objects proposed and the means employed may be observed in almost all our fortresses.

Not, however, content with allowing existing fortresses to absorb a valuable portion of our army and thus neutralizing their efficient action, the Government is carrying out at large expense a foolish system of converting in every station of any size a portion of the barracks into fortified posts. These posts are far too extensive to be properly defended except by a garrison far in excess of that which it would be wise to spare for them. The consequence is that either these posts will be insufficiently manned or our British troops will be so frittered away among them that we shall be unable to collect a really strong force of Europeans for service in the field. Our rulers may be certain that whoever holds the open country holds the towns. The true method of dealing with a rebellion is to rapidly mass, not scatter, the troops, combine their movements, and marching wherever a large body of insurgents may be assembled to inflict crushing defeats on them. One great victory will do more in this country than a thousand small successes, and to try and arrest rebellion by placing a series of small military buffers all over the country is the most suicidal policy. Making of course exceptions in favour of garrisoning a few strategical points or towns where magazines, arsenals, &c., require to be protected, the authorities may take our word for it that every effective soldier shut up in a fortified post is almost as much a deduction from our strength as if he were wounded. Nor is this merely our own opinion, but is that of all great military critics, who lay it down as an invariable rule that you should concentrate to fight. This rule, which refers to the operations of a single army, is equally applicable to those of the whole force which occupies a country. Jomini says that the General who confines himself to a simple defensive is sure to be worsted, and that the offensive defensive should always be adopted. If this is true of war in general it is especially true of war in this country, where rumours fly so fast and exercise so great an influence over the ignorant and excitable minds of the natives, where, in short, military success avail comparatively little unless that success be most prominent and conspicuous. The very fact of two or three thousand British soldiers being shut up in fortresses would do more injury to our prestige than a couple of victories could repair.

With one more remark we will bring this article to a close. We would earnestly impress upon the authorities that the fortified posts they are now constructing are in addition to the general objection unsuited to their purpose in several particulars. Barracks, as at present constructed, are incapable of resisting even light artillery. There is no shot proof cover for stores and provisions, and without an immense height of parapet, or unless established on high ground, the whole interior of the enclosure would be so exposed to fire that neither could men proceed to the parapet or draw water without the greatest danger. A final objection is that in most cases the post is distant from the Treasury and the Cutcherry, consequently the troops in cantonments would be unable to leave the station till the money and official records had been moved into the fortified enclosure. Truly these defects strongly resemble those of the enclosure at Cawnpore in 1857. Have we then learnt nothing from that sad disaster? It would indeed appear not.

THE annual Public Works Congress at Poona is to begin, we believe, about the middle of the present month.

WE understand that the durbar which H. E. the Governor is to hold at Poona in October for the reception of the chiefs and sirdars of the presidency is fixed definitely for the 6th of that month. A circular to that effect has been sent round to those who are invited to attend.

WE hear that the Umballa Railway is to be opened by the Viceroy with some state about the 28th October, in the presence of the Chiefs of Puttiala, Jheend, Nabha, and other Cis-Sutlej potentates.—*Pioneer, Aug.* 28.

WE believe (says the "Pioneer" of the 28th ult.) Government purposes to try the experiment of a uniform rate for telegraphic messages not exceeding ten words. The charge for such messages will be one rupee from any one part of India to any other, irrespective of distance. The experiment will be, of course, subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State for India, and is to be introduced from the 1st October next.

SYED TOORKEE, uncle of the reigning Sultan of Muscat, complained to Government that his allowance from the Sultan of 600 dollars per mensem is insufficient for his maintenance. The Government has declined to interfere, on the ground that the chief has signed a final agreement to accept that sum as sufficient allowance. —*Englishman, Aug.* 26.

COLONEL BROOME has been appointed to officiate as Military Secretary to the Government of India. There is now a probability that the scheme for the retirement of Indian field officers, which has been so long before the Government of India, will be seriously discussed. Lieutenant-Colonel Malleson has been asked to act in Colonel Broome's place. The appointment is in every respect the very best that could be made. Colonel Malleson organised for General Balfour in 1861-62 the important office over which he has now been called to preside, with a success to which that officer has more than once borne testimony. Had the vacancy in the office of Sanitary Commissioner been permanent, there can be no doubt that Dr. Norman Chevers would have been selected to fill it. As it is, to limit the number of officiating appointments, we presume that Dr. Cunningham, who has shown himself so efficient a Secretary, will act.—*Friend of India.*

THE "Indian Daily News" contradicts the report as to the loss of a number of the crew of the "City of Calcutta."

VACCINATION is not so popular amongst the natives of the country as is desirable, though the prejudices against it are undoubtedly diminishing.

cient sense among the people in towns where the work had been carried on, to see that there were great benefits derivable from the survey. He might mention that the survey had been carried on in immediate connection with the municipalities of towns, and that the municipalities were bearing large portions of the expense; and though there were minorities who objected to incur any portion of the expense, yet sufficient grounds had been shown for inducing the belief that a very fair return for their money would be realised; and thus a large majority of the municipalities would be agreeable to the expenditure which was being incurred in their behalf. The survey had been conducted not only for municipal, but for municipal and fiscal purposes, and municipalities and the Government were sharing the expenditure as they would share the proceeds. It would be asked what the proceeds were to be from? The chief portion of them were to be derived from the sale of Sunnuds or title-deeds, confirming holders in their possessions, and maps showing exactly the proper boundaries and limits of their property. A saw from some of the native papers that the general supposition was the bill was intended to disturb existing titles, and to dispossess a large number of people from the properties which they had held for years. Now he had before him the annual progress report of the surveys of the cities of Ahmedabad and Surat, and the towns of Broach and Bulsar, which showed that it was not proposed—as he had before stated—to introduce anything new by the Bill, the provisions of which had actually been worked for some years past. It was only the necessity for having a proper legal title for what had been done, that rendered it necessary to pass an Act at all, for he believed, so far as the majority of persons were concerned, they might have gone on to the end without any legislative enactment on the subject. But of course to give a legal certainty it was necessary that a bill should be introduced for the purpose which should become law. Well, the report he referred to, recorded the number of the surveys made at Ahmedabad, Surat, Broach and Bulsar during last year. Taking the case of one, Ahmedabad, it appeared that last year 5,283 cases were adjucated on by that summary mode of enquiry, which it was supposed in some quarters was to be so fatal to the titles of all landowners in towns and cities. Out of the 5,283, the holders in 149 cases were offered summary settlements, which meant that of the total number 149 of those persons had to pay two annas in the rupee of what would be the full assessment of their property. In seven cases the claimants had encroached upon public roadways and so come under the section of the bill, which provided that such land must be vacated and taken possession of by the Collector. In one hundred of the cases the holders were decided to be liable for the full assessment. In seven cases the occupants were found to have exposed themselves to the penalty laid down in Bombay Act I. of 1865, section XXXIII. The bulk, of 4,854 holders, out of 5,283, were confirmed in their titles, and exempted from the payment of assessment. That was the result of the working in one city, and he might state, that of those who had the option of appeal, 31 did appeal. Of the 31 cases, the decisions of the Revenue officer were upheld in 19 cases, twelve were modified or reversed, and twelve other cases were undecided. In Surat, 3,008 decisions were passed last year. Out of that number one case only came under the summary settlement and paid two annas in the rupee. Twenty-three of the holdings proved to be Government land and liable to assessment. In the remaining 2,984 cases, the holders were confirmed in their holdings. He would propose that this report of the Revenue Survey and Assessment should be circulated to the members of the Council and also, with His Excellency's permission, that it should be placed at the disposal of the press, in order that it might be seen what the operation of the survey really was, and so that the public might at once have the opportunity of seeing how far the insinuation that the survey was another system of confiscation, another system of Inam Commission was true. There was one other point of which a good deal had been said, that perhaps required explanation, and that was with regard to the powers given in the Bill to the survey officers to enter houses. He had every reason to believe that all that had been said on that matter had been very great exaggeration, for he knew that up to the present time, in some of the towns and cities there had not been a single complaint and that in others they were very rare. That proved what he had said, that the people did not object to the survey, but on the contrary had given the fullest and most cordial assistance to the survey. So much was it the wish of the officers of the survey that the feelings of the people should be consulted, that it was laid down, as a rule, that no low paid subordinate should enter a house for the purposes of the survey except with the consent of the owner; and that if he refused permission the subordinate officer was to go to the higher authority and obtain a summons against the owner. He (Mr. Ellis) need not state that it was impossible to make a survey in a thickly populated town, without sometimes having to enter houses. As a rule the information that was required could be obtained from the measurement of the compound, but when there was no means of getting at the depth it might be necessary to enter houses occasionally. The power to enter houses, therefore, was necessary in the Bill; but it was a power, to judge from the results of the surveys hitherto, that was seldom required to be put in force. And it was only to prevent any litigiously disposed person from suing the officers of the survey that it could be necessary to take such powers. He (Mr. Ellis) did not know that at present there were any other points which he need detain the Council upon, but he would state that he proposed to proceed leisurely with the Bill, so that if any one had any objection to particular clauses he might make it. He (Mr. Ellis) had taken steps to obtain for the Council, before honourable members were finally asked to determine on the Bill, some further statements in addition to those they had before them, showing the nature of the survey and what valuable results were being arrived at; would be in the hands of the Council before the next meeting, and if the bill was read a first time that day, he would propose in moving for the appointment of a Select Committee that their report should not be presented earlier than the 15th of next month, so as to give time for any one to bring before the Committee any subject that might be considered to be of sufficient importance to lay before them. He begged to move that the Bill be read a first time.

The Hon'ble Mr. Byramjee Jejeebhoy read the following speech:—I beg your Excellency's permission to make a few remarks on this Bill, which, I trust, will receive the consideration they may be thought deserving of. I find the word "occupant" used throughout this Bill. But this word, as defined in section II. (J.) of Act I. of 1863, does not appear to convey a complete and absolute ownership of property, whereas such complete and absolute ownership will be found to exist in innumerable cases of lands coming within the Bill. I think, therefore, that the words "owner or occupant" should be substituted for the word "occupant." The wording of clause one of section IV. appears to me to convey a kind of negative right. It appears to me that instead of the wording "the Collector shall, on the application of the occupant, declare lands to be not liable to the operation of (Bombay) Acts II. and VII. of 1863," some wording conveying the idea that the lands are entirely free from all right and demand whatsoever on the part of Government should be used. There appears to be no provision for appeals against the decisions of Collectors under sections IV., V., and VII. The powers given in these sections are intended to be summarily exercised. But in my humble opinion the parties dissatisfied with the Collector's decisions should be allowed the right of appealing against such decisions. Section V. clause 2 regulates the assessment of lands wholly or partially exempt from assessment for a period less than twelve years and not less than five years. I do not clearly see how in cases of lands partially exempt, that is, paying quit rent, unauthorized possession can arise within a period of twelve years coupled with a demand on the part of Government for quit rent. Is not the levy of quit rent a recognition by Government of ownership? The hon'ble mover will no doubt explain this. Perhaps it is not a point of great importance. I mention it only as a passing remark. In my humble opinion section VII. should be carefully considered. This section gives, as it appears to me, an uncontrolled power to the Collector. 1st. To declare any land to be an encroachment on a public street or thoroughfare. 2nd. To clear such land of any building standing on it in the event of the owner failing to do so within a reasonable time. 3rd. To award compensation in respect of buildings pulled down. 4th. To determine what building should be compensated for and what not. I would propose, as I have already stated, that the Collector's proceeding should be appealable to higher authorities. I am not aware whether the hon'ble mover means that a piece of land, supposing it to have been originally encroached upon, but which has remained in the possession of the owner for a period of thirty or forty years, should now be considered as an encroachment and treated as such, notwithstanding the length of time that has elapsed since the original wrongful acquisition. If so, it would appear a hard measure. I think some period limiting the right of the Collector to resume the encroached land should be specified. I also think that the words "of a permanent character" occurring in this section should be omitted, as they would in disputed cases lead to much doubt and uncertainty. Besides the hut of a poor man, though not of a "permanent character," is pehaps more valuable to him than the house of a "permanent character" of a rich man. I am further humbly of opinion that as is the case in the Act for lands for public purposes, some provision should be made for fixing the amount of compensation by arbitration in cases where parties are dissatisfied with the Collector's award. I also think that compensation should be awarded for porches, doorsteps, verandahs, &c., that may be pulled down for public purposes only. Though the destruction of these things may not impair the stability of the buildings to which they are attached, they are often very valuable property in large and flourishing towns. Section VIII. invests survey officers with power to enter lands and premises for the purposes of measurement, fixing boundaries, &c. From the expression "lands and premises" all places of worship, such as fire temples, temples, mosques, &c., should be excluded. It would wound the most cherished feelings of the people if the survey officers were empowered to enter such places. I also think twenty-four hours' notice insufficient. A longer notice should be given, and some provision should be made, either in the Act or in the rules to be framed by the Government, by which the religious usages, customs, and feelings of the occupants of the house shall not in any way be offended while such survey is being made. I should also wish to be enlightened as to what is meant in section XVIII. by "things attached to the earth, &c." Does this include buildings, and if so, will the assessment contemplated in section V. be levied on both lands and buildings, or how? In conclusion, I beg to bring to your Excellency's and my hon'ble colleagues' notice that the Bill has excited great apprehensions among the people as to its nature and object. In order, therefore, to give all, who are interested, an opportunity of fully expressing their views, I would respectfully suggest to the hon'ble mover to postpone the second reading of the Bill to a distant date.

His Excellency the President pointed out that Mr. Byramjee was somewhat out of order as his remarks applied to the details rather than to the general principles of the Bill.

The Hon'ble Mr. Muguldass Nuthoobhoy read the following speech:—

SIR,—As this Bill is apparently intended to explain the meaning and applicability of former enactments and to modify some of their provisions, I cannot raise any objection to the first reading of it. I have the highest respect for the opinion and experience of the hon'ble member who introduces this Bill, but I regret I cannot agree with him in opinion in regard to the propriety of several of the clauses as they at present stand. To enter now into a discussion of them in detail would be premature. When the Bill has been settled by the Select Committee and comes up for a second reading then it will be time to submit to the Council any objection which might be found to exist to any of the provisions. For the information of the hon'ble member and his colleagues in the Select Committee I would simply name the sections which, in my opinion, require careful consideration and make some general observations. I understand that representations are about to be made to your Excellency's government regarding this Bill, and it is but proper to see and consider what the people to be affected by the proposed measure have to say. I make this incidental remark that a short time may not be fixed for the Select Committee to make their report. I feel fully confident that the hon'ble member, when convinced of the justness of the objections, would be the first to strike them out. The sections I allude to are chiefly 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. I would like to know in the first place whether this proposed measure is to be applicable to the city of Bombay, if so, I think the provisions of this Bill would be wholly unsuited and inapplicable to the different tenures of land and the Municipal institutions existing in the town and island of Bombay, not to speak of the inexpediency of selecting this city alone out of all the presidency towns for the application of an exceptional law. Assuming that the town and island of Bombay is to be excepted from the operation of the intended law, still in its application to the Mofussil I look upon it with great concern and anxiety. I conceive the intention of the Bill to be to try the title to exemption from the payment of revenue of lands situated in towns and cities and where no such title is made out to settle an assessment thereon. The Bill does not profess to bring under assessment lands which have not been held wholly or partially free from assessment for more than twenty years and which have not hitherto been used for cultivation only. There does not appear to have been any complaint that public lands liable to assessment have been appropriated by people within the last twenty years. And on the first principle which guides all legislation, viz., that there should be a need for an enactment before it is passed, I trust that the hon'ble Council will not pass a law on this subject, unless it be clearly shown that within the last twenty years the people in towns and cities have appropriated lands to such an extent as to make such practice a crying evil for which Government have no ordinary remedies; and which nothing but a legislative enactment will remedy. I think whilst the necessity of the measure is doubtful and the advantage to the Government revenue so inconsiderable, the evils to be apprehended from the working of the Act will be serious. It will unsettle and rip open titles to lands, which have long since been quietly enjoyed, and set on foot an unpleasant and vexatious investigation into them. Although for the survey and settlement of lands used for cultivation only the power of entry as provided by section XI. of Bombay Act I. of 1865 was unobjectionable, but there is the most serious objection to a similar provision being enacted in respect of people's houses. Though without any legislative sanction whatever, such an experiment has been already tried in Surat and other cities in Gujrat; the result has been an intense degree of dissatisfaction. Such intrusions directly interfere with the seclusion and retirement in which the females of the Hindoo, Mahomedan, and other Indian tribes live as well as with the religious usages and beliefs of the Hindoo nation. Hardly any notice will obviate the annoyance and inconvenience to which native females would be subject by the entry; whilst no amount of notice will remove the objection on the ground of their religious usages and beliefs. The effect of this Bill will be again to invade the proper functions of the ordinary tribunals of the Justices. In the words of the statement of objects and reasons, "the record and preservation of proprietary and other rights connected with the land" is one of the objects of Bombay Act I. of 1865. A survey to ascertain what assessment each occupant is liable to pay for the land he cultivates involves a definement of his possession, but where (as in towns and cities) hardly any assessment is claimable, a survey simply to determine and record people's rights is uncalled for, and injudicious and a direct entrenchment upon the province of the regular courts of law. The honourable member added—I would not raise any objection but I would entreat the honourable member to agree to an adjournment of two or three months. Granting what he says is true, I think the Council will agree with me, that two or three months will make no difference, and in the meantime let the people say what they have to say.

The Hon'ble H. H. Jowan Singjee, Maharajah of Edur said—It is enacted in section 8, that it would be lawful for any duly authorized survey officer to enter dwelling houses, for the purpose of measurement, fixing boundaries, or, for any other purpose connected with the survey, and that twenty-four hours previous notice shall be left before such entry. For this, at least fifteen days' notice should be left, to enable the occupant to make the necessary preparations for putting the household furniture, &c., in proper order, so that there might be no objection on the score of interference with private property or religious affairs.

The Bill was then read a first time and referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honourable Mr. Mansfield, the Hon'ble Mr. Mungaldass Nathoobhoy, the Hon'ble Mr. Brown, and the Hon'ble Mr. Ellis.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ellis observed that if there was to be a postponement for two or three months, the Committee would have nothing to do all that time. He thought it was much better that the original date proposed should stand. There could be no difficulty in the matter, for those who wished to make representations to the Council would have plenty of time, and persons who desired to petition against the Bill would have time to send in their papers, even from the most distant districts. If the Committee found that the representations made required deliberation, they could then ask the Committee to extend the time for presenting their report, or should they find that the consideration of the petitions or whatever they might be could not be disposed of within the time allotted. It was the character of the people of this country to postpone matters in this manner, but such a delay as the one asked for by the honourable member was not necessary, for if it should be found that the committee could not make their report at the time first proposed he (Mr. Ellis) should certainly request the Council to extend the time for presenting it. He might add that he had no wish to hurry on the second reading at the next meeting.

The Hon'ble Mr. Mungaldass—All I wish to say is, that I have the misfortune to differ from the honourable member's opinions. Either his or mine will be modified when we hear what the people say on the subject of the Bill; but I do not see how we can agree to Committee. Fifteen days is not enough to prepare a petition in the English language, which is not the language of the people who will be affected. There is one petition coming from Bombay, and if my information is correct, others are also coming, and I entreat the honourable member to say two months at any rate.

His Excellency the President said the Honourable Mr. Mungaldass could move an amendment.

The Honourable Mr. Mungaldass Nathoobhoy said if the honourable member was unwilling to grant a longer postponement, he (Mr. Mungaldass) would have no option than to move an amendment.

The Honourable Mr. Brown enquired whether the Bill had been translated.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis—It had been translated and published in the *Government Gazette*.

It was ultimately ordered that the Committee report to the meeting of the Council which should be held next after the 28th September, and that the report of the committee should be translated into Guzerathi and Marathi.

THE PUBLIC FERRIES BILL.

The Hon'ble Ellis moved that the bill to amend the law relating to public ferries in the Presidency of Bombay (No. II. of 1868) be read a second time. He thought it quite unnecessary to trouble the Council at any length upon the subject of this bill, as he had already explained in moving its first reading, the objects for which it had been introduced into the Council. The Select Committee had made several minor alterations and also introduced one alteration of apparently some little moment—although it was not really so—in making the Collector of the district as the president of the Local Funds Committee, the person to superintend the ferries rather than the same officer in his magisterial capacity. Since the report was drawn up the Collector of Tanna had sent in a suggestion made by Mr. Shepherd who had taken the contract for the ferries, which was well worthy of adoption in securing the public against negligent acts on the part of the servants employed by the steam ferries contractor, and he (Mr. Ellis) would therefore move the insertion of a section, embodying the suggestion in its proper place in the Bill. The suggestion was not received in time to report it to the Committee and consequently he was not able to consult his colleagues on the Committee, but he had no doubt they would all agree with him in thinking that its introduction to the Bill would be an improvement. With these remarks he begged to move, that the Bill, with the addition of this section, be read a second time. The Bill was then read a second time and considered in detail.

In reference to section IX., His Excellency the President suggested that there should be some clause in the Bill defining the jurisdiction of offences under the Bill; there was the case of the Bhima River where one side of the shore might be in the Sholapore district and the other in that of the Kuludgee district.

The Honorable Mr. Ellis said the penalty, which went to the local fund, might be divided between the two, by direction of Government.

His Excellency the President said there was no power in the Bill enabling Government to do so, but there ought to be some provision for meeting such a case. After the sections had been considered in detail,

The Honourable Mr. Ellis moved the insertion of the following Section in the Bill after section V:—

> "When a Public Ferry has been duly leased or farmed out every servant of the Lessee, Contractor or Farmer, shall be deemed to be legally bound to do everything necessary for or conducive to the safety of the public which he shall be required to do by any Regulation made by the Lessee Contractor or Farmer and approved by Government, and of which Regulation such servant shall have had notice, and every such servant shall be deemed to be legally prohibited from doing every act which shall be likely to cause danger, and which by any such Regulation he shall be prohibited from doing, and every person employed by or on behalf of such Lessee, Contractor or Farmer to do any act upon the Ferries shall be deemed to be a servant of the Lessee, Contractor or Farmer."

The honourable member observed that this section had been adopted from the Act for the regulation of Railway Company's servants. The adoption of the clause into the Bill to amend the law relating to public ferries in the Presidency of Bombay, would give powers for exercising similar control over the servants of the steam ferries contractor, and prevent negligence and culpable negligence on the part of such servants.

The introduction of the section was agreed to.

After clause II. of section XI. the following clause was inserted:—

> "When a public ferry is partly in one district and partly in another it shall be lawful for Government to assign in each district, such proportion of the proceeds of the said ferry as they shall deem fit."

THE KURRACHEE MUNICIPAL BILL.

The Hon. Mr. Mansfield said a petition had arrived from the inhabitants of Kurrachee against the passing of the "Kurrachee Municipal Act," and that he was not prepared to state, until that and other petitions that might be received had been considered, when he proposed to proceed with the Bill.

The Council was then adjourned.

BOMBAY BANK COMMISSION.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY: MONDAY, AUGUST 31.

COWASJEE MANOCKJEE, who was examined on Friday last, was first called. President—We have not yet found the original of that letter you addressed to the bank. In case we should not be able to find it I will ask you if this (a letter in the bundle handed in by witness on Friday) is a true copy of the letter sent by you?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) Will you mention the date?—(A.) 28th August 1865. President—We will make a copy of it and then return it to you. It is a very sensible letter and one which I wish had been followed. Is that (showing another letter) in Mr. Robertson's handwriting the answer to it?—(A.) Yes, that is the answer to it. President—We will now return you those letters (handing over a bundle) and you can apply for the ones which we have kept in a few days, when we shall have had copies made of them. Witness—Very well, sir.

DOSSABHOY DUNJEEBHOY—(Q.) I believe you were manager to Premchund Roychund?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) And you had two accounts with the Asiatic Bank?—(A.) I had. (Q.) There was a cash credit opened in your name on 4th April 1865?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) That was not your own account?—(A.) No. (Q.) Nor was it Premchund's solely?—(A.) No, not solely, but he was interested in it. (Q.) Does it not relate to a transaction in Back Bay shares?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) It relates to 25 Back Bay shares?—(A.) To 50, I think. President—There were 50, but I think many of them were afterwards transferred from your name. Who were the parties interested in that account?—(A.) Premchund Roychund, Mr. Blair, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Hannay. (Q.) That account was opened on 4th April, was not it?—(A.) I do not exactly remember the date, but I will see from my cheque book. (After examining cheque book)—The first cheque was drawn on 4th April. (Q.) And that account was closed, I think, on 30th June 1865?—(A.) I have not got the exact date. (Shown book.) (Q.) And at 30th June 1865 you were a debtor for Rs. 7,52,260?—(A.) So it appears. (Q.) Well, on 30th June 1865 the account was transferred from your name into the name of Premchund Roychund, was it not?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) Well, the account increased to 11 lakhs and upwards in June 1866. Witness (after looking into book)—Yes, to Rs. 11,32,000. (Q.) The Back Bay shares were sold on 24th January 1867, were they not?—(A.) I do not know when they were sold. They must have been sold by the Asiatic Bank. (Q.) Does not that appear in the book before you? Witness reads—"Reclamation Company's shares taken over at Rs. 2,700 each:" on 24th January 1867. (Q.) And in 1867 the account stood at upwards of 10 lakhs, I think?—(A.) Over 11 lakhs. President—Not quite 11 lakhs, I think. Witness—In 1867 I see it was Rs. 10,28,000. (Q.) Well, that money was all lost, I suppose?—(A.) I do not know. (Q.) Now, there was another account in your name in the Asiatic Bank, was there not?—(A.) Yes, there was one regarding Bank of Bombay shares, and I had also my current deposit account. President—Well, we have no interest in your current account. If you have anything you wish to tell us about that afterwards we will take it; but I am now asking you about another account, which you say relates to transactions in Bank of Bombay shares. Witness—Yes, 180 Bank of Bombay shares. (Q.) Now, have you any books or letters or papers relating to either of these transactions which you can produce?—(A.) I kept no books for that account, for it did not belong to me. (Q.) Have you any letter?—(A.) Only one, guaranteeing me to be harmless regarding these 50 Back Bay shares. President—Let me look at that letter. (Witness produces letter which was sent to money by order of Mr. Premchund. (Q.) So that you have not got it now?—(A.) No. As soon as the account was transferred from my name to Mr. Premchund's that guaranteeing letter was returned. (Q.) By whom was the guarantee signed?—(A.) By those five persons I have mentioned. (Q.) Now, I believe you are debited in that account relating to the 180 Bank of Bombay shares with Rs. 1,80,000, is that not so?—(A.) That was the price of the 180 shares?—(A.) I think so. (Q.) And that money was paid to Premchund, was it not?—(A.) I think it must have been. (Q.) Who were the parties interested in this speculation in Bank of Bombay shares?—(A.) I had no letter regarding this, except the letter guaranteeing me. (Q.) You had not; but still I suppose you know who were the persons interested in this transaction. I think from what the same persons were interested in this as in the other one. President—Repeat the names. Witness—Premchund himself, Mr. Tracey, Mr. Blair, Mr. Hannay, and Mr. Morrison. (Q.) Now, do you remember when Mr. Lawrence, the liquidator of the Asiatic Bank, came out here?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) Did he make any claim upon you in respect of this transaction?—(A.) I think he called me, and told me that there was a balance of over 7 lakhs due by me to the bank. (Q.) Well, what passed?—(A.) The matter was afterwards compromised by Premchund paying Rs. 5,000 in cash and giving one Back Bay share. (Q.) What was the rate of that?—(A.) The money was paid at different times. The last payment was made on 27th March 1868. (Q.) And the first payment?—(A.) The first payment was made on 22nd November 1867, Rs. 1,500; then on 12th February, 1868, Rs. 750; February 20th, Rs. 500; March 27th, Rs. 1,250. (Q.) Now, are you aware of the final entry in that book. Witness (after looking at book)—27th March, Rs. 1,250." President—Now from book—27th March, Rs. 1,250. Referred to bad and doubtful account, Rs. 2,87,743." President—Now I must take you to another account. Just look to the account of Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee & Co. Do you know anything of the account in the name of that firm?—(A.) Yes. I am not exactly aware who were interested in it, but Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee & Co. were not. President—Do you know of an account in the books of the Asiatic Bank in the name of Nusserwanjee & Co. No. 2?—(A.) Yes, sir. (Q.) Do you know who was interested in that account?—(A.) I do not. (Q.) Was Candass Narrondass a partner in that firm?—(A.) He was. (Q.) Do you know whether your master had an interest in Candass Narrondass' share of that copartnery?—(A.) They used to carry on joint transactions in cotton and cotton. President—That is not a direct answer to my question. Had Premchund any particular interest in that share held by Candass Narrondass?—(A.) I can't say whether he had or not. (Q.) Now, do you know anything of the transfer of that account from the name of Nusserwanjee' Ruttonjee and Co. to the name of Custoorchund Roychund, who is, I believe, the brother of Premchund Roychund?—Witness—He is. President—Now, tell us all you know of the circumstances attending the transfer of that account.—(A.) When Premchund's credit became shakey in the bazaar——(Q.) When was that?—(A.) Before Premchund's failure, I think When Premchund's credit became shakey, Nusserwanjee was anxious to have this account settled up, either by the Asiatic Bank being paid in cash or to their account being transferred from the name. President—Now, what I ask you is this—did Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee and Co. acknowledge that account to be his?—(A.) No. (Q.) Did it transpire whose account that in the name of Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee & Co. really was?—(A.) I heard Mr. Morrison, Mr. Tracey, and Mr. Premchund were interested in it, but I did not exactly know. President—I did not ask what you heard, but I ask what you knew of your own knowledge?—(A.) I did not know that. President—Premchund Roychund will be able to tell us who were really interested in that account?—(A.) Exactly. (Q.) And Custoorchund probably?—A. I think Custoorchund will be unable to state who were the parties interested, because he merely signed the receipt at the bidding of his brother. President—We will come to that afterwards. Well, now, just state what passed at the transfer of this account from the name of the firm of Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee & Co. to that of Custoorchund. Witness—I think I took Custoorchund with me at the desire of Mr. Premchund to Mr. Morrison at the Asiatic Bank, and there the transfer of the account was signed by Custoorchund. (Q.) The transfer of the account, is that accurate?—(A. Yes, it was transferred to Custoorchund. (Q.) Did not something else pass? Was not some instrument signed?—(A.) Some bond was signed. (Q.) By whom?—(A.) Custoorchund. (Q.) A promissory note, was it not, for the balance?—(A.) Yes. (Q.) Did Custoorchund make any remark in your hearing? Did nothing transpire to make you suppose who were the real parties to that transaction?—(A.) Custoorchund, I think, said he was not at all interested in the matter. (Q.) Was Premchund present?—(A.) No. (Q.) You were managing for Premchund?—(A.) I was. At the request of Premchund I took Custoorchund along with me to the Asiatic Bank. (Q.) And yet though you were so confidentially employed by Premchund, you are unable to state, from your real knowledge, who were the real parties to that transaction?—(A.) No: because I had no recess to Premchund's books. They were kept out at his house, and I was managing his business at the Fort. (Q.) Is Custoorchund Roychund here?—(A.) I think he is in Bombay, but I have not seen him for the last few days. President—We have summoned him here for to-day. Witness—There is a decree against him from the High Court. (Q.) (Shown a list)—Is that list of jewels in your handwriting?—(A.) Yes. President—That will do.

HORMUSJEE NOWROJEE SACKLATWALLA was the next witness. He deposed—I was a partner in the firm of Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee and Co.,—not at the starting of the firm but I joined in April 1864. Candas Narrondass was a partner in that firm. I do not know whether Premchund Roychund had an interest in Candas' share. (Q.) Do you know anything of an account standing in the name of that firm in the books of the Asiatic Bank—not your current deposit account—that we know about; but I refer to another account which is called No. 2 account?—(A.) Whether it was called No. 2 or No. 3 I don't know, but I know that there was another account independent of the current account. (Q.) Do you know who was interested in that account?—(A.) I do not. (Q.) Was Candass Narrondass a partner in that firm?—(A.) He was. (Q.) Do you know whether your master had an interest in Candas

THE SUPPOSED ENGLISH CAPTIVES IN SOMALI LAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TIMES."

SIR,—Prior to leaving England in March last I observed letters in the public papers from General Rigby, Dr. Cheadle, and others, calling attention to the supposed existence of a portion of the ill-fated passengers and crew of the "St. Abbs" in captivity among the Somali tribes of East Africa.

As during the 13 years that have elapsed since the wreck of the "St. Abbs" similar statements have repeatedly been made to the same effect, and a paper by General Rigby has been published in the proceedings of the Society, authoritatively affirming that the hull of the "St. Abbs" drifted on shore near Magdesho on the East Coast of Africa, where it was boarded by the natives, who plundered the wreck and made the survivors captives, dividing them into two parties and conveying them into the interior,—moreover, corroborative testimony having been adduced by Lieutenant-Colonel Playfair, late British Consul and Political Agent at Zanzibar, on the strength of his having received some hides from the neighbourhood of Magdesho, with supposed English letters scratched on them—a tale apparently so authentic could not fail to meet general credence and sympathy, and the Government has not escaped blame for taking no more active steps for the liberation of the supposed captives than the offer of liberal rewards for their release.

Having my own doubts as to the correctness of General Rigby's statements, I took the opportunity of a short detention at Seychelles to make inquiry regarding the wreck of the "St. Abbs," with the following result, which will how how far General Rigby, Dr. Cheadle, Colonel Playfair, &c., are borne out in agitating the matter.

By the kind assistance of Her Majesty's Civil Commissioner at Seychelles, Mr. Swinburne Ward, I procured a copy of the protest noted by the captain of the "St. Abbs," and also obtained the information detailed below from Mr. Ross, who is a respectable Government *employé* and who, subsequent to the wreck of the vessel, was despatched in charge of a body of police in the schooner "Uranie" to St. Juan de Nuova, to protect what cargo, &c., might be saved; and also from the owner of the "Uranie," who went in his vessel to effect such salvage as might be possible.

The following is a summary of Captain Bell's protest:—

The "St. Abbs" struck on a reef connecting Juan de Nuova and Gull Island at 11-30 P.M. on the 14th of June, 1855, and immediately came broad side on to the sea, which was running high. The mainmast went by the board. Two fathoms were found alongside, the vessel drawing 18 feet. She soon bilged. From the darkness of the night and high sea nothing could be done, and all hands were ordered into the cuddy for protection. Some obeyed, others remained forward. At daylight the longboat was launched without much difficulty, and supplied with water, provisions, charts, instruments, &c., and the passengers and crew ordered into her, but, with the exception of the mate and two seamen, they refused to venture. In about ten minutes the boat was dashed to pieces alongside; the three men in her were saved with great difficulty. Wind and sea continuing high, and the tide setting from the reef to the ship, rendered it impossible to reach the shore. On the 16th the third boat was lowered, and the mate ordered to go and endeavour to establish communication with the shore. He refused, alleging he had been nearly drowned on the previous day. All hands, except three, similarly refused, and as the salvation of all on board depended on forming speedy communication with the shore as the wreck showed symptoms of breaking up, Captain Bell had no alternative but to make the attempt himself, feeling that he was not justified in ordering others to do what he was not ready to perform. About 30 yards from the vessel the boat was capsized, being turned over and over. Captain Bell and the three seamen reached shallow water and obtained footing in an exhausted state. Being unable to render any assistance to those on board they waded across the reef to Gullet Island, a mile and a half distant, in search of help. The carpenter shortly after joined them, having reached the shore supported by an empty oil can secured to his back. Mr. Ross, a cadet, also reached the shore safely. On the following day, at dawn, the vessel had disappeared, and the only vestige seen was a portion of the wreck with three men clinging to it to leeward of the reef, to whom no assistance could be rendered for want of a boat; they were soon lost sight of. On the 14th of July the schooner "Uranie," of Port Victoria (Seychelles), anchored off the huts occupied by the survivors, and on the 23rd all left for Seychelles, where they arrived a few days after.

Such is the substance of Captain Bell's protest, and it is greatly to be feared that owing to his most culpable omission to report to the captain of the "Uranie" the fact of the three poor fellows having drifted in the direction observed, their last chance of salvation was cut off, and a lingering and agonizing death entailed on them, as may be inferred from the account given by Mr. Ross and the owner of the "Uranie."

They returned to the scene of the wreck, which they reached early in August. A considerable quantity of cargo and miscellaneous articles were found strewn on the various reefs and islands of the group, and on one sandy islet some miles west of Gullet Island a broken jibboom was found a case of gin, and part of a turtle hung up to dry between two fragments of wreck. Soon a shallow grave dug in the sand was discovered, containing the body of a man in sailor's clothes. A little further off a similar grave was found, and on crossing a reef, nearly dry at low water, to another small islet the body of a third sailor was found unburied. On his person were some poor trinkets, rings, &c., evidently the legacy of his dead shipmates, and the poor fellow, doubtless the hardiest of the three, had in the agony of his great need, wandered for the last time to the barren sand bank, where he was found in despairing search of the hoped-for aid that was never to reach him.

The owner of the "Uranie" who found the remains of the hapless sailors was of opinion that they were alive up to the time of their more fortunate shipmates being taken off the adjacent island by his vessel, and is convinced that had his captain been aware of the men having been seen drifting in the direction of the islets where their remains were found he would probably have succeeded in saving them.

Both Mr. Ross and the owner of the "Uranie" concur in the statement that the hull of the "St. Abbs" parted athwartships at the foremast; that the forepart of the vessel remained on the reef all the time they were there (some months,) and that the hull had slipped off the reef into deep water, where it was plainly visible. That about 100 casks of ale, porter, &c., were washed out of the hull while they were there, and that many articles, such as copper, &c., were recovered from the hull by the aid of divers employed for the purpose, but that a large quantity of heavy machinery prevented much being got up. The islands and reefs were strewn with cargo and stores. Casks of ale, cases of hams, &c., were picked up by the "Uranie" as far to the westward as the Cosmoledo Islands, and the property saved, consisting chiefly of cargo, realized at public auction at Seychelles upwards of 6,000 dlrs. I was further informed by several of the Seychelles fishermen that a portion of the "St. Abbs" hull and the machinery which formed part of her cargo is still visible where it originally sank.

It is thus, I think, tolerably clear that the statements of General Rigby were quite as mythical as the merciless decapitation of poor Livingstone by Dr. Seward.

It may possibly be argued that although the vessel boarded near Magdesho is proved not to have been the "St. Abbs," yet some other vessel undoubtedly did go ashore there as reported. I hope such mischievous theories may once for all cease to be disseminated. Any seaman who knows what the coast in the neighbourhood of Magdesho is in the months of July and August will also know that no merchant vessel afloat could have the slightest chance of "coming on shore," except as match-wood. I have, moreover, conversed with several of the chief men of Brava and Magdesho, who all affirm that there is no foundation whatever for the report of any vessel having "come on shore" near Magdesho, beyond the fact that such articles as those specified by General Rigby were washed on shore, and led them to believe that a vessel had been lost on the coast. As to the story of a coffin having been washed ashore containing the body of a female, the owner of the "Uranie" informed me, without my adverting to the subject, that he had been informed by the captain of an American whaler that a coffin containing the body of an Indian female had been picked up at Pemba Island, and returned to the sea when its contents were ascertained.

The fact, however, of specific articles identified as forming part of a certain vessel or its cargo happening to be found washed up at great distances from the spot where such vessel is known to have been wrecked may satisfactorily indicate the direction and force of the ocean currents, but certainly can be scarcely quoted as proof that the wrecked vessel arrived at the particular points where the articles were found.

I heard it mentioned at Seychelles that some months after the loss of the "St. Abbs" five or six seamen appeared at Colombo, to which place they had been forwarded by the local authorities and stated they were part of the shipwrecked crew of the "St. Abbs," and that they had escaped in a boat and reached the south end of Ceylon, near the Basses, and having kept along the beach, being afraid to go into the interior for fear of wild animals, they were found by the natives in a very destitute condition and forwarded as already stated to Colombo. As Captain Bell only accounts for the loss of two boats it is barely possible that the story may be true; this, however, can easily be ascertained by reference to the Government of Ceylon.—I remain, sir,

H. A. FRASER, F.R.G.S.,
Zanzibar, May 7. Captain late I. N.

SIR J. BURGOYNE ON THE CAMPAIGN IN THE CRIMEA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TIMES."

SIR,—The depreciating view taken by the British public of the military operations of their own countrymen, on many occasions is very different from the feeling and habits of other nations; it is not very intelligible, is very discouraging to military men, and would seem hardly to be deserved when connected with complete and absolute successes.

Take, for instance, a simple record of the thoroughly successful events of the Peninsular war, and it would be hard to believe that, according to many of the contemporary writers, every one was accompanied by a tissue of blunders and mismanagement. As for the service in the Crimea, it seemed to be thought that nothing could be said too bad of all concerned.

In this systematic species of criticism no allowance is made for the impossibility of anticipating all the contingencies of war. Where circumstances, as in a campaign, may be developed in an infinite variety of ways neither party can possibly be distinctly and exclusively prepared for the precise case that may actually occur, although, after the event, it can be easily defined what those preparations might (and consequently it is inferred ought to) have been.

After an interval of 12 years it may be hoped that the strong and somewhat partial impressions which gave a false tone to many notices on the occurrences of the day will have passed away, and that the circumstances connected with the Crimean war may admit of more calm discussion, and let us hope that such may now be attempted, notwithstanding certain sharp comments by an eminent writer of the present day in the recent publication of the history of that campaign.

It may be thought that those very animadversions themselves indicate that the time is not yet arrived for calm and unprejudiced discussion; but all many such impressions, and, perhaps, prejudices, will be at least softened down or obliterated, and statements may be more interesting now, when emanating from the remaining few who bore a prominent part in the proceedings that have been commented upon than if postponed to a more remote period.

In addition to a desire to vindicate those opinions of my own, with which fault has been found, and which I still continue to believe to have been well-founded, I may at once declare my thorough dissent from the justice of the violent censures that have been passed on many of the actors in that service.

The duties were severe and responsible; our means were totally inadequate to our task; and my conviction is that all engaged in it performed their parts in the best manner, that the few blunders which occurred are inevitable in all military operations, and even that many actions that have been severely commented upon were really praiseworthy.

Many circumstances tended to make the attack on the Crimea a service of a peculiarly arduous character:—

1. The necessity for it arose so suddenly that no time was available for procuring any accurate information as to the state of preparation of the enemy to resist the attack; and this was the more felt from the remote position of the station and the very little ordinary intercourse with it.

2. The peculiar disadvantage which always attends such enterprises when attempted by a landing from the fleet—the want of a stable base of operations, from which to draw supplies, and on which to effect a retreat if necessary; while, on the other hand, all the resources of the country are in possession of the enemy.

3. The climate, and the prevalence of an epidemic cholera in the army at the time.

4. The enormous evil of an army consisting of a combination of forces of different nations, of which no one was in a decided predominance. Although this evil was reduced almost to a minimum by the frank and courteous character of the commanders and most of the influential officers in the several services, still it could not be but sensibly felt. The customs, habits, and modes of proceeding necessarily differed, and gave cause for complaint, irritation, and want of that promptness and decision which are so necessary in the field.

Up to a very recent period we have been ignorant of the exact amount of the Russian force in the Crimea. The history of the defence of Sebastopol, since published by the Russian General Todleben, supplies us with an authentic account of their military resources at the period of the expedition. It shows them to have been even stronger than the information then in the possession of the Allies had led us to expect. According to the Russian account, General Menschikoff posse sed at his disposal in the Crimea on the 13th September 51,500 men, to which was added, after the destruction of the fleet, 18,500 seamen. They had, in addition, within Sebastopol, 2,822 effective pieces of artillery, of which upwards of 200 were mounted on the works, large stores of intrenching tools, and all the resources of a dismantled fleet and a great naval arsenal. It will thus be seen that even in the number of men the Russians were superior in strength to the whole allied force, which barely exceeded 60,000 men at the period of disembarcation, and consisted of a mixed army of French, English, and Turks. The invasion of a country possessing such military means by an army numerically inferior to their enemy, disembarked on an open beach, without transport, stores, or reserves, and in a country destitute of resources, must be admitted to have been a most daring and perilous undertaking.

The Russian account which is written ostensibly for the purpose of exalting as much as possible the brilliancy of the defence, and in which the author is consequently under a strong temptation to depreciate the strength and resources of the defenders, admits the great difficulties of the undertaking when General Todleben says that the Russians could not believe that the Allies could be so imprudent as "*se jeter dans une contrée presque dénuée de ressources.*" I will accept the Russian testimony here given of the difficulties of the enterprise, and hope my countrymen will do the same. Instead of being censured for not overwhelming the enemy at once by the most desperate assaults, the Allies deserved very great credit for so perseveringly prosecuting to a successful end operations of unexampled hardship and difficulty.

In his new volumes, recently published, Mr. Kinglake adopts *in toto* certain views of the campaign which have been put forward by the Russians, but which I hope to be able to show are entirely erroneous.

These opinions were originally advanced by Prince Gortschakoff in a conversation with Sir William Mansfield at Warsaw in 1858, and have been reproduced by General Todleben in his account of the defence of Sebastopol. They are well known to be the views entertained by Prince Gortschakoff, but it is not so generally known that they are, for the most part, put forward to uphold his own opinions on the subject of the campaign, in contradiction to other views upheld by the party of Prince Menschikoff; and this fact should have made Mr. Kinglake very cautious in adopting them so absolutely. He should have been all the more cautious upon this occasion, because the reasoning of General Todleben is contradicted on many occasions by the facts adduced by the same writer.

In dealing with the published accounts of military operations by an adversary, the safest rule for an historian is to accept his facts and disregard his reasoning so far as it applies to his measures of an opponent. Mr. Kinglake does the contrary—he disregards the facts, and accepts all the reasoning without hesitation.

The first point of difference between myself and the Russian commanders is contained in the statement that the Allies ought to have attacked the north side of Sebastopol in preference to the south; and they add, as an inducement to this enterprise, that the works on that side of the harbour were so weak that they could have been carried by a *coup de main*.

Whether such works, mounting artillery, and with the whole Russian army behind them, reinforced by 18,500 seamen and the garrison of the place could have been taken by a *coup de main* I will leave to the judgment of others. I think it useless to argue the question, because I always maintained that, unless the Allies were strong enough to invest the place on both sides of the harbour, operations against the north side could have led to no useful result. The possession of the north side would not have given us the possession of the south, in which lay all the resources of the place; and the attempt of the Russian generals to affirm the contrary is incomprehensible, with the experience before them of the position of affairs after the final assault on the 8th of September 1855. After that date the Allies held peaceable possession of the south side of the harbour, and blew up the docks at their leisure, without serious molestation from the enemy, although the Russian army at the time occupied the north side of the harbour and all its batteries.

I fully believe that if my views on the propriety of making the south the point of attack had not been adopted by the Allied commanders winter would have surprised us on the heights of the Belbec, without a harbour, and with a difficult line of operations to depend; and that the safety of the whole allied force would have been seriously compromised.

I perceive that Mr. Kinglake states that Lord Raglan wished to attack the north side, but quotes no authority for his statement. I can only say that he intimated nothing of the kind to me, and it would have been totally inconsistent with his character to suppose that he would yield so quietly to a proceeding of which he disapproved.

The next point of difference between myself and the Russian generals falls upon the question of an immediate assault upon the south side of Sebastopol when we arrived before it. Upon this subject I have not the advantage of the logic of facts as upon the question of the advisability of selecting the south as the point of attack; but on the other hand, I have the benefit of occupying a perfectly independent position in discussing the question, not having been consulted as to the course to be pursued. I am in hopes that, not being under the obligation to defend a foregone conclusion, my reasoning will carry some weight in the difficult task before me of combatting an idea which has obtained so great a hold of the public mind. I have no hesitation in avowing my thorough conviction that an immediate assault would have been an act of madness, and that the attempt would have resulted in our being beaten off with a very great loss of men.

It may be received as a fixed maxim in war that an army intrenched in a strong position behind works mounting artillery is unassailable by a front attack. If the flanks are secure, as in the case of Sebastopol, and the position cannot be turned, the usual course is to blockade and cannonade the enemy until the combined effect of the fire and shortness of supplies forces him to yield the position.

The circumstances of two armies thus confronting one another has received several illustrations lately, and invariably with the same result. The Confederate lines before Richmond and the present contest at Humaita between the South American States are examples in point. I am not aware of any instance in which an enemy so situated has succumbed to an attack by open force before his artillery has been silenced. On the other hand there are many instances in which the attacking force has been beaten off even after the artillery of the place had been silenced.

It is true that it has been denied by the Russian writers that an army, properly so called, was in the place when we arrived before it, and a great outcry has been raised against Prince Menschikoff for his imputed desertion of the place and his march upon Sympberopol. In the attempt to decry his proceedings the party of Prince Gortschakoff have spared no efforts to show that the place was at the mercy of the Allies. According to my view of the matter Prince Menschikoff did exactly what was right. Having reinforced the garrison with four battalions, which with the ordinary garrison and the seamen of the fleet, raised the force inside the place to a total of 44 battalions, and rendered it secure from a *coup de main*, he took up a position which gave him the command of all the resources of the country, and retained his communication with the north and east, by which most of his reinforcements would arrive; while at the same time he held a position which was very threatening to the Allies, and forced them to keep in reserve a large part of their forces to watch his movements and protect their communications.

Upon the subject of the number of men inside the place it is remarkble that General Todleben nowhere precisely mentions the aggregate force which the Russians possessed; but the 44 battalions must have represented a very large body of men. In fact, in one part of his book he describes a battalion as consisting of 970 men. His description of "16,500 *combattants outre les troupes de marine placées sur la ligne de défense du côte sud, et les artilleurs des batteries de côte*" conveys little information, and omits 3,500 troops on the north side of the harbour, which were manifestly available at this time to resist an assault against the south. Upon the whole I believe my original estimate of 25,000 men is by no means exaggerated. The deserters from the Russian army estimated their force inside the place as much higher, and although the statements of deserters are not to be depended on, they represented the impression within the place among their own men.

I remember well that during one of our earliest reconnaissances, the Russians made an ostentatious display of a very large force within a view of our glasses, and there were certainly more than 20,000 men on the ground upon that occasion. Nobody who reads General Todleben's account of the state of the place at this period but must remark that a manifestly forced attempt is made to reduce the value of the description of their means in this respect. Russian generals do not seem to be easily satisfied with the amount of force at their disposal. For my own part I should have been very glad to have defended Sebastopol at this period with 20,000 men.

The works on the south side, according to General Todleben, mounted, at the period of the arrival of the Allies, 174 pieces of artillery, varying in calibre from 30 to 12 pounders. Stress is laid upon many of these guns being of small size; but against an open assault the smaller class of guns is more efficient than the larger, from the rapidity of the service of the pieces; and the Allies possessed no guns as large as the smallest of the Russian pieces. In addition to these means of defence, men-of-war were moored with their broadsides bearing upon the approaches to the place. The effect of these preparations was such that Colonel Elphinstone, in his account of the siege, shows that the ground in front of the Karabelnaia suburb, over which the British must have advanced to the assault, was swept by the fire of upwards of 100 pieces of artillery. After deducting the necessary guard of Balaklava and our communications, and the requisite reserves, the assaulting columns could barely have exceeded in strength the troops which the Russians could have opposed to us, and I ask any military man of experience what would have been the result of an assault under such circumstances?

"I fully admit that great liberties may be taken with a beaten enemy, but that consideration will not justify enterprises of such extreme rashness as an assault upon Sebastopol at this period would have been, and the attempt to affirm the contrary comes with a peculiarly bad grace from a Russian general who was foiled in a similar enterprise of far less difficulty at Silistria. We have a right to demand why operations which were found to be so difficult for the Russians are now discovered to be so easy of accomplishment for their adversaries.

Being as jealous on the subject of the military reputation of Lord Raglan as Mr. Kinglake can be, and feeling certain in my own mind that he had never proposed to assault the place at this period, I have written to Marshal Canrobert to obtain from him a confirmation of my opinion, and I append his reply:—

"Paris, le 18 Juillet, 1868.

"Mon cher Maréchal,—Après vous avoir remercié pour le bon souvenir que vous voulez bien me garder, et que je suis heureux de vous rendre, j'ai l'honneur de répondre à votre question.

"Non, Lord Raglan n'a jamais proposé au Général Canrobert de donner l'assault à Sévastopol immédiatement après l'arrivée des alliés devant cette place, et par conséquent, le Général Sir John Burgoyne n'a pas eu à appuyer de son avis, un refus que je n'ai pas été appelé à faire.

"Je saisis avec plaisir cette occasion, mon cher Maréchal, pour vous adresser avec mes sentiments de haute considération l'expression de mon affectueux dévouement.

"MARÉCHAL CANROBERT.

"A S.E. Le Maréchal Sir John Burgoyne, à Londres."

Lord Raglan possessed many of the qualities of a great General. The firmness with which he suppressed the murmurs against the expedition at Varna, his coolness and presence of mind under fire, the equanimity with which he bore reverses, the bold front which he presented during the winter of 1854, by which he probably saved the remnant of the British army; the magnanimity with which he bore calumny, when an attempt to defend himself might have jeopardized the French alliance,—these are all qualities of a great man, and when added to the military skill which a long experience in a good school of army must have engendered would have obtained for him, under happier auspices, the reputation of a great commander. But Mr. Kinglake may rest assured that the effort to make Lord Raglan's military views chime in with those popular fallacies respecting the war which were rife during its prosecution will not increase Lord Raglan's fame in future years; while the attempt to do so must necessarily lead to the infliction of injustice upon other persons.

Much of the soreness of feeling which the English people felt during the Crimean war arose from the failure of our assaults upon the Russian works; but in a joint expedition we must be prepared to accept the fortune of war, which will sometimes favour the part taken by our allies and sometimes our own. It was not until the result of the battle of Inkerman had given us possession of all the ground south of the great harbour that an attack against the Malakoff front became possible. This battle was a heavy blow and discouragement to the Russians, and the circumstances connected with it have been much misunderstood in this country. It was a great and decisive victory, and in its consequences even more important to us than the battle of the Alma. It cleared our way to an attack against the Malakoff Tower, which was decidedly the proper point of attack, where success was both more easy of accomplishment and more decisive when accomplished. It was these considerations which led me, in the memoranda of the 25th of November and the 20th of December, 1854, published in the official account of the siege, to recommend to Lord Raglan that the French should relieve us of the charge of our left attack, so as to enable us to take ground further to the right, and prosecute the attack against the Malakoff front. Lord Raglan pressed these views strongly upon the French commander, but without effect, until after the visit of General Niel to the country. It was then decided that the main impression should be made by the Malakoff Tower; but as soon as that point was decided our Allies, who now possessed a large preponderance of force, preferred to take the attack against the Malakoff into their own hands, instead of relieving us of our left attack; and no one, under the circumstances, has a right to blame them. The English must console themselves with the reflection that if the fortune of war was unfavourable to them on this occasion it was not always so. The battles of the Alma and Inkermann have raised the reputation of British infantry higher than ever, and our cavalry at Balaklava extorted the admiration of the world.

So far from the Russians proving themselves to be our masters in the art of war, as attempted to be shown by contemporary writers, the reverse was the case. During the greater part of the period over which the operations extended the Russians were superior to us in absolute force, and the extraordinary spectacle was witnessed of the besieged being actually stronger than the besiegers. Our enemy beat us in numbers, but in nothing else. They produced no novelties in the art of war; all the science and modern appliances of warfare which date from the Crimea were introduced by the Allies.

I feel confident that when the mists of prejudice have passed away men will see the events of the Crimean campaign in a different light, and that the verdict of posterity will be more favourable to us than that of our contemporaries. The English people have no reason to be ashamed of the part played by their countrymen in the Crimea.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
London, Aug. 4. J. F. BURGOYNE.

COURTS-MARTIAL COMMISSION.

(*Army and Navy Gazette, Aug. 1.*)

We stated last week that the Royal Commission on courts-martial had adjourned its sittings to November. We believe, however, that before the adjournment the members of the Commission gave much consideration to the important subject of their inquiry, and prepared a first report, which has been submitted to Her Majesty. Leaving to the period of their re-assembly in November the question of the constitution and mode of procedure of courts-martial, the Commision, if we are not misinformed, in the first instance, addressed themselves to the subject of military punishments, and have made certain recommendations which form that part of their report which is now completed. The evidence, as we learn, tended to show that the punishments in military prisons are by no means so severe as those undergone by civilians under similar sentences. It is proposed that these punishments should be increased to the general standard, and that military prisons should be placed, in all respects, under the general department of prisons, controlled as it is by persons who devote their attention wholly to the management of criminals. With respect to the punishment of drunkenness, the evidence went strongly to show the wholesome character of a series of changes proposed by a committee of officers—General Lindsay and Colonels Egerton and Whitmore—which was appointed by H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, to look into the question some months ago, and which had before it the most trustworthy and varied evidence the service could afford. The following are the suggestions of this committee, and we believe they are adopted by the Royal Commission:—

1. That commanding officers be empowered by the forthcoming Mutiny Act to deal with the crime of drunkenness by a system of fines.

2. That these fines should be progressive in amount on the repetition of acts of drunkenness, but on the other hand subject to reduction in proportion to the length of time elapsed between the offences thereby holding out strong inducements to the soldier to abstain.

3. That the fines shall not be attenuated and spread over a long term by the deduction of a penny per diem only, but shall be enforced by an actual deduction (not a mere debiting the monthly account) of not exceeding fourpence or less than three pence per diem, until the fine is paid; thereby depriving the offender of the means of obtaining liquor.

4. The fine for a second offence, when under stoppages for a former act of drunkenness, shall commence when the first is paid.

5. That the soldier, in every case of fine, shall have the right of appeal to a court-martial.

6. That confinement to barracks may be combined with fine as a punishment for drunkenness it being left to the discretion of commanding officers to determine the amount having regard to the character of the soldier, and whether the act of drunkenness is accompanied by some other crime; but that it shall be considered a rule that in all cases after the commission of an act of drunkenness a soldier shall be kept in barracks for twenty four hours without punishment drill, such drill, when carried out before recovery of the effects of liquor, having in many cases given rise to insubordination.

7. Further, that as a general principle, in awarding punishments for drunkenness in connection with fines, commanding officers be confidentially instructed to bear in mind the rule which obtains in civil courts, that a fine in a great degree condones the offence; and that they should abstain from awarding heightened punishments in addition to fine for simple acts of drunkenness, except in aggravated cases or frequency of offence.

8. That imprisonment in the garrison cells shall not in any case be combined with fine for simple acts of drunkenness, though it may be awarded for serious offences in connection with drunkenness.

9. That defaulters for the crime of drunkenness be permitted to enter the canteen during certain fixed hours in the day—say from 2 to 5 P.M.

10. All awards of fine to be regimental entries, and to be published in Regimental Orders.

11. That the tattoo to reveille the following morning to be considered in the same light as an act of drunkenness in calculating the fines for the latter offence.

12. That a new Article of War be introduced, making it lawful for a commanding officer to inflict a fine not exceeding ten shillings for drunkenness, subject to appeal to courts-martial, and providing that no soldier, by reason of drunkenness, shall be subject to any greater fine than a deduction of more than fourpence per diem from his daily pay.

13. That the powers given by the 78th Article of War be retained for the present, but that commanding officers shall be confidentially instructed to abstain from having resort to courts-martial as far as possible, so that the new system may have a fair trial.

14. That the crime of habitual drunkenness be subject only to trial by a district court-martial.

15. That the scale of fine and punishments annexed be adopted and adhered to throughout the army. Copies to be printed in clear type, and supplied to regiments, for the purpose of being placed in a conspicuous position in every barrack room.

With regard to another branch of the inquiry, the late case in the Grenadier Guards is made the ground-work of an important change. In future a non-commissioned officer may be punished for minor offences—by reprimand or fine—without losing his rank, and should he be broke and reinstated in the position of sergeant, he may do what is now practically impossible—regain the full advantages of his former service by continued good conduct. These charges are conceived in an enlightened spirit, they are approved by men of the greatest experience, and we have no doubt they will work well for the service. We trust that the larger question of courts-martial themselves will be dealt with by the Commission with equal success and that the delays, technicalities, and defeats of justice, by which so many of our prominent military trials have been marked, may give way to a system, at least, as simple as that under which justice is, on the whole, satisfactorily and expeditiously administered by the ordinary criminal courts.

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